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CASTEAU, BELGIUM (AP) -- THE WESTERN ALLIANCE'S MILITARY COMMANDER SAYS U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES HAVE TO "GIVE A LITTLE BIT" AND ALLOW PUBLICATION OF SOME SECRET DATA TO CONVINCE EUROPEANS OF THE NEED FOR STRONG DEFENSE.

"I PERSONALLY THINK THERE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE SOME OF THIS INFORMATION -- TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT CAN BE SHOWN TO THE PUBLIC," GEN. BERNARD W. ROGERS, NATO COMMANDER IN EUROPE, SAID THIS WEEK IN AN INTERVIEW.

MORE THAN TWO MONTHS AGO, U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY CASPAR W. WEINBERGER PROMISED TO PUBLISH A "SANITIZED" BUT CONVINCING VERSION OF A TOP SECRET REPORT ON DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET SS-20 LONG-RANGE MISSILES.

THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO SHIFT PUBLIC OPINION IN WESTERN EUROPE, WHERE THERE IS SOME DOUBT ABOUT A NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION DECISION TO DEPLOY 572 COMPARABLE MISSILES IN ITALY, BRITAIN, WEST GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM BEGINNING IN 1983.

THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM HAVE DEFERRED DECISIONS ON BASING THE MISSILES ON THEIR SOIL.

WEINBERGER AND HIS OWN DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN FEUDING OVER WHETHER THE DATA SHOULD BE RELEASED, WITH THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WORRIED IT WILL HELP THE SOVIET UNION LEARN ABOUT THEIR SOURCES.

ROGERS SAID HE APPRECIATES THEIR POSITION BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN IN THE INTELLIGENCE BUSINESS, BUT HE BELIEVES SOME OF THE INFORMATION COULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

"I THINK THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT IN THIS INSTANCE," HE SAID.

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